

**State Board of Education
March 18, 2008
Item G-3**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: Independent & Federal Programs

ITEM: Will the Vermont State Board of Education acknowledge that the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEAS&C) granted accreditation to the Green Mountain Valley School, Waitsfield, VT, to serve students in grades 8-12?

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Vermont State Board of Education acknowledge that the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEAS&C) granted accreditation to the Green Mountain Valley School of Waitsfield, Vermont, to serve students in grades 8-12. This approval is for 1 year, through June 30, 2009, to coincide with the school's current accreditation period.

Approval is subject to the condition that the school immediately report to the Department of Education whenever any changes occur in enrollment, programs, policies, facilities, financial capacity, staffing, or administration, during the approval period.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 16 V.S.A. §166(b)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Green Mountain Valley School was initially granted independent school approval by the State Board of Education in 1977. The institution is a boarding school providing a full-time college preparatory program and a winter tutorial program for students involved in competitive skiing.
2. Green Mountain Valley School was last approved by the State Board of Education on October 19, 2004 through June 30, 2009.
3. Green Mountain Valley School was initially accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEAS&C) to serve students in grades 9-12. NEAS&C has extended the accreditation of this school to include the eighth grade.
4. The New England Association of Schools & Colleges is an accrediting agency listed in State Board of Education Rule 7320, and recognized for approval purposes.
5. Green Mountain Valley School has a policy on prevention of harassment of students that is as stringent as the Department's model policy.

COST IMPLICATIONS: none

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